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Dear Mr. Pisano:

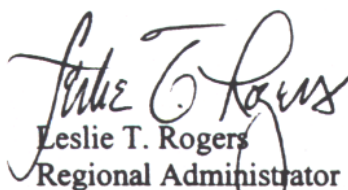
SUBJECT: **Conformity Determination for Southern California Association of Government's FY 2002/03-2007/08 Regional Transportation Improvement Program**

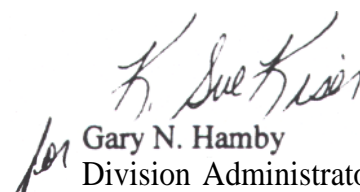
The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the conformity determination for the Southern California Association of Government's FY 2002/03-2007/08 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). A joint FTA/FHWA air quality conformity determination for the RTIP is required by Section 93.104 of the Environmental Protection Agency's August 15, 1997, *Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments: Flexibility and Streamlining: Final Rule*, 40 CFR Part 51 and 93 (*Transportation Conformity Rule*) and the FHWA/FTA Metropolitan Planning Rule, 23 CFR 450.

SCAG submitted the **conformity determination** on the FY 2002/03-2007/08 RTIP to FHWA/FTA on August 2, 2002. The conformity analysis provided by SCAG indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, we find that the FY 2002/03-2007/08 RTIP conforms to the applicable state implementation plan in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93 and in accordance with January 2, 2002, guidance *Revised Guidance for Implementing the March 1999 Circuit Court Decision Affecting Transportation Conformity* and the Environmental Protection Agency's May 14, 1999, guidance *Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision*. This approval was made after consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) pursuant to the *Transportation Conformity Rule*.

This letter constitutes the joint FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determination for Southern California Association of Government's FY 2002/03-2007/08 RTIP. If you have any questions pertaining to this conformity finding please contact Michelle Fuller, FHWA, at 916-498-5861.

Sincerely,


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